The Times and Dispatch

PETERS READY TO **VOTE FOR CHANGE**

President of Council Ardently Commends Simplified Methods

CHAMBER AGAIN INDORSES PLAN

Members Pledge Their Hearty Support and Will Urge Council to Act Speedily When Measure Is Presented. Committee Votes To-Night.

Although the ward he represents is wiped out by the redistricting plan Lee Peters, of the Common Council innounced before a mass-meeting held Commerce at the Jefferson auditorium st night that he would vote and work for the proposed reform of the city government, whether it resulted in

not enthusiastic over the plan of dividing the city into four wards, Mr. Peters came out strongly for the

Mr. Peters came out strongly for the administrative board as the best method of managing city affairs.

The hotel auditorium was well filled with members of the Chamber of Commerce, the Travelers' Protective Association, the Business Men's Club, the Central Trades and Labor Council, the United Commercial Travelers, the Retail Merchants' Association and citizens in advocacy of improving the city, and the meeting was enthusiastic and unanimous in its views, adopting by a rising vote resolutions approving the reduction of the number of waras and the creation of an administrative board.

Working Under Handleap, y speakers took part in a gen-iscussion of the city government now is, and gave hearty approval plans for its betterment, but in ase praise was given to the mem-of the Council who have done rfully well under such a handl nderfully well under such a handi-of red tape and awkward arrange-it as would prevent, according to speakers, rachly good government the hands of the best sixty-four in the city. Many of those pres-pledged themselves to attend the sting of the Council Committee on inance. Charter and Reform to-hi, when action will be taken on pending ordinances, and to make the pending ordinanees, and to make it their business between now and Monday night to let the members of the Council know how the progressive nusiness men of the city stand. Activity will not cease there, for those attending the meeting pledged them selves to see that the poli taxes of themsalves and of their employes are paid within the next few days, so that in the coming election suitable men may be chosen to inaugurate the administrative board and outline its policies and methods of werking.

Text of Resolutions.

The following resolutions, offered by Judge George L. Christian and heartly seconded by W. T. Reed and N. D. Sills, were adopted by a rising vote:

Be it resolved—

1. That while this meeting fully recognites the intelligent, faithful and refuses.

wards, whereby the City Council is reduced one-half in number, and thereby is rendered less unwieldy, and (b) The creation of an administrative board, whereby the legislative and administrative functions of the government. ernment are rendered separate and disfinet, and responsibility is centralized, are much needed reforms in the direcsre much needed reforms in the direction of a modern city government, which would insure great benefit to the municipality of Richmond by affording conditions favorable to a more business like administration of its affairs.

3. That the City Council be, and is hereby, respectfully but carnestly requested to approve the plan submitted by the Special Joint Committee ou Form of Government, and to take all necessary steps for securing the passage by the General Assembly of Virginia at its next session of such amendments as may be required for carrying

ginia at its next session of such amendments as may be required for carrying the said plan into operation.

Meeting Well Attended.

Twenty-four of the twenty-five directors of the Chamber of Commerce were in the hail—many of them on the platform. Seats were occupied there by President H. W. Wood, J. G. Corley, N. D. Sills, president of the Business Men's Club; H. W. Rountree, Robert G. Rennolds, L. Z. Morris and G. K. Pollock, of the special committee which prepared the plan; City Attorney Pollard, Samuel Cohen, representing the Retail Merchants' Associasenting the Retail Merchants' Associasenting the Retall Merchants' Ass senting the Retail Merchants' Association; Judge George L. Christian, T. M. Carrington, W. R. Reed, John M. Miller, Jr., J. O. Goode, of the Unied Commercial Travelers; C. D. Coleman, of the Travelers' Protective Association, and others. Mayor Richardson sent his regrets at being detained by a cold, and his hearty sympathy with the movement.

Charles V. Meredith of the special

Charles V. Meredith, of the special committee, explained just what was proposed in detail, outlining the evils of ward distribution of appropriations, departmental jealousy and antagonism, and the evil effects of leaving to men and the evil effects of leaving to men who can at best give only their spare time after transacting their own busi-ness, the management of the business of the city, with the expenditure of (Continued on Second Page.)

New Juror Is Selected and Cross-Examination Is Resumed.

New York, wovember 35.—W. E. D. Stokes, the minionaire horseman, was put under renewed cross-examination to-tay, when, after an intermission due to the necessity of picking a new juror to hit tae piace of the one dismissed for talking indiscreetly about the case, the trial of Ethel Coprad and Linian Graham, the snow girls charged with attempting Stokes's life by snooting, was resumed. The testimony previously taken was read for the benefit of the new juror.

Robert M. Moore, the girl's attorney, questioned Mr. Stokes concerning letters he had written to Miss Graham, his purpose being to show that instead of the girl "chasing" him, as Stokes had alleged, he was really in love with her.

"The most crushing part of your letter was when you asked me to give your love to Clarence," the attorney quoted from one of Stokes's letters written in Chicago in 1906,

"That was a Joke," acknowledged the witness, "Clarence was an old man, about sixty-seven or sixty-eight." You joked with her throughout the whole of that first year when you were lington?" Stokes was silent.

frying to get her to visit you at Lexington?"
Stokes was silent.
Other letters told of Stokes offering Miss Graham and her sister, Mrs.
Singleton, the use of his automobile, of sending her candy, of getting her a theatrical engagement, of giving her money and of being "eager for her weifare."

SPECIAL SESSION OF COURT

nation.
Attorney Hilton, for the defense, painted his client as the unfortunate victim of two men. He asserted that any of the assaults which Patterson was said by witnesses to have made

FOUR SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR

INQUIRY WITHOUT RESULT

RECORD TIME IN MURDER CASE

white Plains, N. Y., November 28.—
It took a jury but ten minutes to reach a verdict of guilty to-day in the trial of Vincenzo Corna, charged with the murder of Mrs. Mary Hall at her home near Crotan Lake, November 9 last, Never was a murder case cleared up in shorter time in this country. Two days after the murder five men, alleged to have been bandits who killed wirs. Hall in an effort to make her disclose the whereabouts of a large sum of insurance money, were arrested; they were indicted two days later. Corna, the alleged leader of the bandits, was placed on trial yesterday. The defense presented no witnesses, Two more of the alleged bandits will be placed on trial to-morrow.

HOME TIES RENEWED

Sous and Daughters of Virginia Banquet and Dance in New York New York, November 28.—Two hundred sons and daughters of Virginia descendants of "Old Dominion" stock descendants of "Old Dominion" Stock, renewed home ties to-night at a banquet and dance held at one of the
large hotels. The debt that Virginia
owed to New York and New York
to Virginia was the theme which ran
through most of the speeches. Among
those who made addresses were Bishop
Arthur S. Lloyd, Judge Charles Forest
Moore, William Alexander, Governor
of "The Virginians," and Geo. Gordon
Battle, its vice-president. Letters of
regyet were read from Woodrow Wilson, Governor of New Jersey, and from
the Governor of New Jersey, and from
the Governor of Virginia and Kentucky.

FOUR PERISH IN FLAMES

Father and Three Children Burn to Death When Home is Destroyed.

New Westminster, B. C., November 28.—Fire on the farm of Lieutenant-Governor L. R. Patterson, near Liverpool Station, caused the death of four persons early to-day. Thomas Moore, in charge of the farm; his young daughter and two small sons were the victims. Five children, boys, escaped. The mother and a sister were absent from home.

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Strong Hand in Rebel-Infested Region.

REVOLUTION BY NO MEANS ENDED

Legations Believe Dynasty Is Saved Unless Threat to Kill Premier Yuan Shi Kai Is Fulfilled-If Able to Obtain Foreign Loan He Will Control Situation.

Peking, November 28 .- Han-Yang has which crossed the Han River twenty miles above that place. Wu-Chang has made a provisional capitulation, and it is evident that the government is getting a strong hand in that part of Hu-Peh province, where a few weeks ago the rebels seemed to have supreme control.

Jordan. Trecently informed Sir John Jordan, the Brit'sh minister, that he did not fear assassination. His carriage to-day passed through the streets of Peking guarded by twenty-five cavalrymen.

Recent dispatches reported the kill-ng of many foreigners there and the light of others, but no direct word has come out of Sian-Fu for a long

KILLS FIVE; ENDS OWN LIFE

Man Uses Revolver and Each Cartridge
Counts for a Human Being.
New York, November 28.—Iquafila
Plospia, a storekeeper, killed his wife,
his mother, his sister and his two children, then shot himself to death in
the rooms back of his store at Lodi,
N. J., a small town near Hackensack,
this afternoon.
Plospia had quarreled with his family and had been away for a week.
He returned this afternoon and went
into the store. A customer who entered soon after found the six corpses.
The man used a revolver and each
cartridge counted for a life.
Plospia's corpse lay nearest the door.
Between him and the living room at
the back lay the body of his wife.
In the next room were the other two
women, and in the bed room the two
children, aged four and six.

WILL SAVE EMBARRASSMENT

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An overturned lamp is supposed to have caused the fire. One of the boys who escaped was severely burned while trying to re-enter the house to arouse the father.

California Women Voters May Be Supred Necessity of Giving Age.

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Government Getting Defense Dumfounded Police Justice Wants by Arrest of Investigator Franklin.

MEN CAUGHT WITH MONEY IN POCKETS

Taken by Detectives to Hall of Records, Where Trial Is in Progress and District Attorney's Desk Stacked High With Banknotes; Nothing Commonplace About Expose.

Los Angeles, Cal., November 28 .- The

To-night a f'eased prosecution and a dumfounded defense took stock of the day's work of Samuel L. Brown, chief investigator of the State, who

to-morrow to answer charges o bribery and attempted bribery, swort

alleged, they had stuffed the money

ing of a statement, if this were done. Announcement that they would appear against Franklin as State witnesses followed them out.

Franklin, unperturbed, remarked that the State would find that it was mistaken, and had no case.

Questioned as to the legal status of Lockwood arose as soon as the report of the arrest gained circulation, lie had not been reached by any venire of a statement, if this were don-

He had not been reached by any venir-subpoens. Unless some one other than an officer of the court told him he was on the venire list he did not know it. If he did not know he was a venire man, he could not have been bribed technically, to hang a jury or do any-thing else to it, the State concedes.

District Attorney Fredericks, how-ever, asserted that Lockwood was le-gally connected with the jury from the moment his name was drawn from the ury wheel last Saturday.

KANSAS TOWN DESTROYED

Practically Entire Business Section of Jamestown Is Burned.

Jamestown, Kan., November 28.—Firo to-day destroyed most of the business section of this town, causing a loss sestimated at \$300,000. Forty of the forty-four stores were burned. A lack of fre-fighting facilities and the blizard that prevailed handicapped the volunteer firemen.

Powerless to Fight.

Glasgow, Kan., November 28.—Driven before a high wind from the northwest, fire swept this city to-day, causing damage estimated at \$200,000. The entire business quarter was destroyed Lack of water facilities left the town powerless to fight the flames.

Town Is Saved.

Elbing, Kan., November 28.—Only the ald of the passencers and crew of a Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific train saved this town from destruction by fire to-day. The train was held fifteen minutes while those aboard loined the local volunteer bucket bridge. The flames were stopped after they had consumed six business buildings.

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NOT SETTLED YET

Briefs Filed on Pay-as-You-Enter Law.

LAWYER ARRESTED BY CONDUCTOR

Refused to Return to Platform to Drop Ticket in Chopper, and Then Endeavored to Break Through Door When Locked In by Crew.

the contemplation of the law, and that a ticket is a valid contract between a passengeriand a public service carrier, attorneys for the defense of D. C. O'Flaherty, arrested by street car men on a charge of disorderly conduct on a street car, made powerful arguments before Justice Crutchheid yesterday afternoon, asserting that their client had been illegally arrested and that he had legal redress.

According to his own and the testimony of other witnesses, Mr. O'Flaherty boarded a Broad and Main car of the Virginia Railway and Power Company at \$1.15 o'clock Monday night

"Well, if I haven't," replied Mr. O'Fla-lerty, "here is a ticket. Won't you drop it in for me?" Conductor Walden refused. Five

Conductor Walden refused. Five times he returned and asked for the fare, and as many times Mr. O'Flaherty offered his ticket in payment. And always the conductor refused, because it was against the rules of the company for a conductor to place tickets or coin in the till.

At Allen Avenue, it was stated, the passenger rang the bell for blessing.

was called, and he was placed in the custody of police officers. Magistrate Purdie balled him, and he rode a part of the distance home in the patrol

During the taking of the testimony Conductor Walden asserted that Mr. O'Flaherty had said to him that he

he had never heard of a sober man being arrested on a street car. "They're always drunk," he declared

"After the illegal arrest, as I say it was. Mr. O'Flaherty," continued the lawyer, "had a right to break out, and he would have been within his own rights if he had smashed the car into smitherens. The evidence was not was. Mr. O'Flaherty," continued the lawyer, "had a right to break out, and he would have been within his own rights if he had smashed the car into smithereens. The evidence was not that he was disorderly, but that he was quiet and subdued. He merely refused to walk back and stuff a ticket in the box. There is no evidence that he was disorderly prior to his arrest, and his actions after he had been placed under arrest and locked within (Continued on Eleventh Page.)

INDICTED FOR MURDER

Said.

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Nonemacher 25.—E. I. Nonemacher 25.—E. I. Nonemacher was indicted to-day by the clutches of Wall Street and put charge of first degree murder. Nonemacher fatally shot J. F. Martin, of Reidsville, N. C., in a Memphis hotel he had been placed under arrest and locked within continued on Eleventh Page.)

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WILL TAKE FIGHT TO HOUSE

Chairman Stanley Refuses Liftleton's Request for Investigation.

Washington, November 28.—Representative A. O. Stanley, chairman of the committee of inquiry into the United States Steel Corporation, refused to-day the request of his colleague, Martin W. Littleton, of New York, that he call the committee together to investigate assaults upon his integrity and standing as a member of the committee.

Mr. Stanley, after receiving formal request from Mr. Littleton to subpoena John A. Hennessy, the editor of the New York Press; Henry B. Martin, secretary of the Antitrust League; David Lamar, a New York broker, and others whom he declared had part in circulating an attack upon him, replied to the New York Congressman, stating that he had no jurisdiction in the matter, and that Mr. Littleton's only recourse was on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Stanley's reply was in fact an open declaration of war upon Mr. Littleton, who said he would first appeal to individual members of the committee to request the issuance of the subpoenas. If this falls he will take his fight to the floor of the House, and he counts upon the support of many Democrats.

"I have no authority, expressed or implied, under the resolution authorizing the investigation of the affairs of the United States Steel Corporation," said Chairman Stanley in his letter to Littleton, "to either summon witnesses or to try the issue presented."

CARPENTERS REINSTATED

CLEARED OF BLAME BY JURY

RYAN GETS UNCUT DIAMONDS

n Congo neld. NO PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Conductor Walden asserted that Mr. O'Flaherty and said to him that he would not be arrested by a low-down street car conductor.

"Did you arrest him?" queried one of the lawyers.

"Sure."

"Yes. He said that he was Mr. O'Flaherty, from Fulton."

Mr. O'Flaherty is a partner in the law firm of O'Flaherty & Fulton.

Mr. Mathews opened for the defense in the afternoon. Numerous and heavy-looking legal documents lay before him. The client sail in the rear, but took no part in the case except now and then to offer a few suggestions and reminders of the facts as he nad dotailed them.

No Violation of Law.

Mr. Mathews stated that a violation of the rules of the company in question, or of any corporation, created a misdemeanor which is not contemplated in law. He said that a simple refusal to obey such a rule promulgated is not an offense, and does not make the party alleged to be an offender a public object. A simple charge of disorderly conduct had been preferred against Mr. O'Flaherty, and Mr. Mathews stated that the question to be decided by the court was whether his client was in fact disorderly, as charged. Other allegallons had been made against the lawyer from the stand, and Mr. Mathews stated that he had never heard of a sober man being arrested on a street car.

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FINAL DECISION DELAYED

Sons of Veterans Later Will Consider Question of Endowment Fund.

Memphis, Tenn., November 28.—In and any order a presidential primary. Governor Marshall, et indiana, Decinal associated bodies with the Confederate Veterans, the constitution of the United States. That is up to the people themselves. That is up to the people themselves. That is up to the people themselves. That is up to

Sons of Veterans Later Will Consider Question of Endowment Fund.

Memphis, Tenn., November 28.—Because plans to raise a large fund wherewith to further the work must be preceded by certain changes in the constitution of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, the executive council of that organization in session here to-day decided to postpone final decision as to an endowment fund until after the next general reunion of the associated bodies with the Confederate Veterans' Association at Macon, Ga., in May, 1912.

SAYS ROOSEVELT 'MADE A BARGAIN' WITH RAILROADS

Banker Declares Financial Interests Then Promised Support.

TOOK NO ACTION TO PREVENT PANIC

Warned of Impending Crisis in 1907, President's Course, It Is Alleged, "Broke the Country, but Saved the Gamblers"-Fund in Aid of Aldrich Bill.

Washington, November 28 .- Wharon Barker, a retired banker, of Phil-

The railroad man, added, said M. Barker, that under the latter authority it would be possible to add from \$300,000 to \$400,000 to the total freignt charges paid by the American public. "I told him I did not believe Roose-welt had made any such agreement," said Mr. Barker: "but when the annual message of 1905 went to Congress he recommended most of those things. I wrote to President Roosevelt and told him what I heard, and that I had thought the man lied, but now I must believe he had not. It was the only letter of mine that Mr. Roosevelt ever failed to answer."

Members of the committee asked Mr. Barker to give the name of the financial man who had told him that Roosevelt was to be elected.

"I cannot do it," said Mr. Barker, "but subsequently somebody was alleged to have stolen some correspondence between Mr. Harriman and the President, telling of \$250,000 put up for election expenses in the city of New York."

Referring to the panic of 1907, Mr. Barker, said a man who was allegered to the said of the panic of 1907, Mr. Barker and a men who was

in May came to him in Philadelphia and wanted him to use his influence with Pres'dent Roosevelt to stop a plan that had been mapped out, he alleged, by the financial leaders. The man was a captain in the Rough Riders, he said, and used his own influence with the President, but without avail.

"The plan," said Mr. Barker, "contemplated the curtailment of loans, the withdrawal of credits, the putting away of money by those interested where they could get it when they needed it to stop the panic, and the enforcement of the various State laws regarding the holding of cash reserves by the banks and trust companies."

Mr. Barker said that in October, when the financial upheaval reached its crisis, he ursed President Roosevelt to distribute the \$145,000,000 of cash on hand in 'the treasury among the banks of Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and other large cities.

Saves Gamblers.

"He wanted to do it," he said, "bus had called in Mr. Knox and Mr. Cortelyou and Mr. Root, and instead of depositing in the outside cities, he plunged the whole amount into Wall Street. It broke the country, but it saved the gamblers."

Mr. Barker, whose hanking house at one time was fiscal agent for the Russian government, declared that the "great money oligarchy" of New York controlled all lines of finance, industry and transportation, and that no legislation designed to break up the trouble.

"Few people appreciate," he said, "Few people ap

trouble.
"Fow people appreciate," he said, "how by control of the money of trust companies, savings banks and national and State banks, this money trust has thro tied individual enterprise.